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MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION, SPEED AND TRAFFIC LAWS

CHAPTER 134.
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Section 1742. Speed Regulations.—Every person operating or driving a vehicle of any character on a public highway of this state shall drive the same in a careful and prudent manner and at a rate of speed no greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing at the point of operation, taking into account amount and character of traffic, condition of brakes, weight of vehicle, grade and width of highway, condition of surface, and freedom of obstruction to view ahead, and so as not to unduly or unreasonably endanger the life, limb, property or other rights of any person entitled to the use of the street or highway; Provided, however, that cities and towns may by ordinance regulate speed and traffic upon the streets, within the incorporated limits.

Section 1743. Traffic Regulation.—Every person operating or driving a vehicle of any character upon a public street or highway of this state must observe the following traffic regulations:

1. Traffic must everywhere and at all times keep to the right. Vehicles moving in opposite directions must pass each other by turning to the right. Vehicles moving in the same direction must pass by turning to the left on the part of the one passing and turning to the right on the part of the one being passed. At all turns, curves, corners,

and crossings, and particularly where the view is in any manner obstructed both in cities and towns and in the country, vehicles must slow down and be under complete control and must keep to the right, so that if the width of the road permits, there is room on their left for the passing vehicle that may at any time suddenly or unexpectedly appear.

2. In cities, towns or villages where traffic is heavy, slow moving traffic must keep as near as possible to the curb. Vehicles turning corners to the right must keep close to the right hand curb; in turning to the left, vehicles must keep to the right and swing full around the intersection of the center lines of the street. The operator or driver of any vehicle desiring for any reason either at or between street crossings to turn to the left must warn all following by extending his arm full from the shoulder for a period of not less than two seconds and sufficiently in advance of turning to enable anyone following to stop or make the necessary change in course.

3. The operator or driver of any vehicle upon a public highway upon being overtaken by another vehicle and receiving a signal or notice from the operator or driver of the vehicle in the rear that he desires to pass must without unnecessary delay make every reasonable effort to permit him to do so.

4. No motor vehicle operating upon a public street or highway of this state shall pass a street car which has stopped to receive or discharge passengers at a less distance than eight feet, nor at a speed greater than six miles per hour.

Section 1744. Rules Upon Meeting Vehicles.—When vehicles meet, the driver of each must turn reasonably to the right of the cen-

ter of the highway or road, so as to pass without interference, under the penalty of twenty-five dollars, for every neglect, to be recovered by the party injured. Where the whole breadth of the roadway is not worked, the center of the worked part is the center of the highway. In times of snow where there is a beaten track, the center of that is the center of the highway or road. But this section does not apply to vehicles meeting cars running on rails or grooved tracks.

Section 1745. Drunkards Not to Be Employed as Drivers.—No person must employ to drive any vehicle for the conveyance of passengers upon any public highway or road a person addicted to drunkenness, under penalty of five dollars for every day such person is in his employ.

Section 1746. Intoxicated Drivers to Be Discharged.—If any person, while actually employed in driving any vehicle, is intoxicated to such a degree as to endanger the safety of his passengers, the owner, on receiving from any passenger a written notice of the fact, verified by his oath, must forthwith discharge such driver, and if he have such driver in his service within six months after such notice, he incurs a like penalty.

Section 1747. Duty of Driver to Guard Against Runaways.—The driver of any vehicle used to convey passengers must not leave the horses attached thereto while passengers remain in the same, without first fastening the horses or placing the lines in the hands of some other person, so as to prevent their running, under a penalty of twenty dollars for each offense.

Section 1748. Liability of Owner for Negligence of Driver.—The owner of every vehicle running or traveling upon any highway or road for the conveyance of passengers is liable for

all damage to person or property done by any person in his employment as a driver while driving such vehicle, whether done wilfully or negligently, or otherwise, in the same manner as such driver would be liable.

Section 1749. Moving Heavy Machines or Load Along Highways or Over Bridges.—All persons owning, controlling, operating or managing threshing machines, steam-engines, sawmills, or any heavy loads of whatever kind or nature, are required, in moving the same over the public highways, to lay down planks not less than one foot wide, three inches in thickness, and of sufficient length, on the floors of all bridges and culverts situated on the public highways, while crossing the same, for the wheels of said threshing-machines, sawmills, steam-engines, or other vehicles carrying heavy loads of any kind to run on; provided, that this section shall not apply to any threshing-machine, sawmill, steam-engine or other vehicle carrying heavy loads not exceeding six tons in weight.

Section 1750. Moving Steam Engines and the Like Along Highways.—All persons owning, controlling, operating, or managing threshing-machines, sawmills, or steam-engines of any kind, are required in moving the same along the public highways, or meeting any person or persons on horses or mules, or in vehicles drawn by horses or mules, to shut off the steam and halt until such horses or mules shall have safely passed.

Section 1751. Penalty for Violation of Two Preceding Sections.—Any person or persons violating the provisions of the two preceding sections shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction thereof, be fined in a sum not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred fifty dollars.

Section 1752. Disposition of Fines.—Any and all fines collected for the violation of any of the provisions of this act shall belong to the general road fund of the county, and shall, immediately after their collection, be paid over by the court or magistrate collecting the same to the county treasurer for the use and benefit of that fund.

Section 1753. Accessories Required Upon Motor Vehicles.—Every motor vehicle operated or driven upon the public highways of this state shall be provided with the following accessories:

1. Two sets of independently operated brakes in good working order, either one of which sets must be sufficient to stop the drive wheels of the car and prevent them from turning while the car is in motion.

2. A horn or other device for signaling, sufficient under all reasonable conditions to give timely warning of the approach of the motor vehicles.

3. During the period between one hour after sunset and one hour before sunrise, every motor vehicle of the three or four wheeled type shall display two white lights in front (one on each side) and one light in the rear. Every motor vehicle of the motorcycle or two wheeled type shall display one white light in front and one light in the rear, which said rear lights in both classes of motor vehicles shall display red rays visible to the rear and shall throw white light upon the number plate carried on the rear of such vehicle and illuminate the same so that the number will be clearly visible at a distance of one hundred feet. The light of the front lamps shall be visible at least two hundred feet in the direction in which the motor vehicle is proceeding.

The front lights of all motor vehicles shall be equipped with some style of non-glare dimmers by which the intensity of such lights is diminished; and it shall be unlawful for the driver of any motor vehicle in the state of Montana to display on the front of such vehicle lights of such a degree of brightness as tends to confuse drivers of vehicles coming in contact with or moving in an oppsite direction from such motor vehicles.

Section 1754. Penalties for Violation of Act. Reporting Convictions. Duty of Officers. —1. The violation of any of the provisions of this act shall constitute a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not exceeding One Hundred Dollars. The third or subsequent conviction for violation of the provisions of this Act by a licensed and registered chauffeur, may be punishable by the suspension of the right to operate a motor vehicle as a registered and licensed chauffeur under the provisions of this Act. for a period of not more than six months; and the registrar of motor vehicles upon the recommendation of the trial court, shall forthwith revoke the license of the person convicted, and no new license shall be issued to such person for at least six months after the date of such conviction, nor thereafter, except in the discretion of the registrar of motor vehicles. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the indictment of a person so violating for an offense committed under any other law.

2. Reporting conviction to register of motor vehicles.—Upon the conviction of any person for a violation of any of the provisions of this Act, the magistrate or other judicial officer before whom the proceedings are held, shall immediately certify the fact of the case, including the name and address

of the offender, the character of the punishment and the amount of any fine imposed and paid, to the registrar of motor vehicles who shall enter the same either in the book or index of licensed chauffeurs as the case may be, opposite the name of the person convicted and in the case of any other person in a book or index of offenders to be kept for such purposes, in alphabetical order. If any such conviction shall be so reversed upon appeal therefrom, the person whose conviction has been so reversed may serve on the registrar of motor vehicles a certified copy of the order of reversal, whereupon the registrar of motor vehicles shall enter the same in the proper book or index in connection with the record of such conviction.

3. It is hereby made mandatory upon all peace and police officers of the State, of the counties of the State and of towns, cities and villages, to carry out the provisions of this Act and arrest the drivers or owners of any motor vehicle being used or driven in violation of any of the provisions of this Act.

Section 1755. Secretary of State Shall Keep Records.—1. That the Secretary of State be and is hereby constituted the Registrar of Motor Vehicles, of motor dealers, and of chauffeurs, and that as such it shall be his duty to keep a record as hereinafter specified of all motor vehicles, of every kind. of all dealers in motor vehicles, and of chauffeurs, and to assign to each a distinctive serial registration number.

2. In the case of motor vehicles the record shall show the following: Name of owner, residence by county, business address, manufacturer of car, manufacturers' designation of style of car, manufacturers' serial number, year of manufacture, character of motive power, manufacturers' horse power

rating, and the distinctive serial number assigned such car, also whether or not to be used exclusively for commercial purposes, and if so, manufacturers' rating of load carrying capacity, and such other information as may from time to time be found desirable.

3. In the case of dealers the record shall show the name of the applicant, his residence, and address by town and county, his business address, and the distinctive number assigned him.

Section 1756. Blanks to Be Provided.— It shall be the duty of the Registrar of Motor Vehicles to provide the following:

1. Blank application forms outlining and providing for the information needed in each class of registration required, and to furnish these upon request to applicant for registration.

2. Registration certificates in folder or pamphlet form with cloth cover and of convenient size for the pocket. These forms to contain in addition to the information show upon the registration record, a copy of the speed and traffic regulations hereinafter prescribed.

3. License certificate blanks for chauffeurs similar in form to registration certificates. These forms to contain in addition to blank space for the information shown upon the chauffeur's registration record, copies of Sections 6, 7, and 9 hereof, blank space for the record of conviction under any of the provisions of this article, and a space for the chauffeur's signature.

Section 1757. Number Plates. — Every motor vehicle which shall be driven upon the streets or highways of this state shall display both front and rear a number plate, bearing the distinctive number assigned such

vehicle by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. Such number plates shall be in four series; one series for owners of motor cars, one for owner of motor vehicles of the motor-cycle type, and one for dealers in each of the two types of vehicles above named. All number plates for motor vehicles shall be renewed annually, shall bear a distinctive marking each year, and shall be furnished by the state. In the case of motor cars, number plates shall be of metal at least five inches wide and not less than thirteen inches in length, and there shall be the abbreviation of the State—Mont.—and in the lower left hand corner the number of the year for which the plate is issued. The back-ground of this part of the plate shall be of a distinctive color each year, which color shall be designated by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles. To the right of these and covering the body of the plate shall be the distinctive registration number of the motor vehicle for which the number plate is issued. The numerals shall be four inches high and each stroke shall be at least half an inch in width. For vehicles of the motor-cycle type the number plate shall be similar in all respects to those for motor cars, except that the metal plate shall not be less than three inches wide and not less than nine inches long, and that the numerals thereon shall be two inches high and the individual strokes thereof not less than one-half inch wide. The abbreviation—Mont.—and the number of the year shall be placed at the top of the plate. For the use of dealers the number plates shall be essentially as those for motor cars and motor cycles except that to the right of the serial number the plate shall contain the letter "D," such letter to be of the same height and size as the figures composing the serial number.

Section 1758. Registration. Certificate and Badge. Records.—Upon receiving by mail or otherwise an application in any one of the four classes above named duly executed in proper form and accompanied by registration fee, such registrar of motor vehicles shall cause to be entered the information contained therein upon the corresponding record, shall assign to the applicant a registration number and shall furnish the applicant a registration certificate corresponding to the registration number assigned him, or if the applicant be a chauffeur subject to conditions hereinafter named, he shall furnish him a badge suitable in size and shape for regular wear, and license certificate numbered to correspond with the serial number assigned him. All of the foregoing shall be furnished to the applicant without cost or expense other than the registration fee hereinafter provided.

Records Shall Be Open to Inspection.—All records provided for in the foregoing shall be open to inspection during all reasonable business hours, and the registrar of motor vehicles shall furnish the information from said record upon payment by the applicant of the cost of transcribing the information asked for.

Section 1759. Registration and Re-Registration of Motor Vehicles.—1. Every owner of a motor vehicle operated or driven upon the public highway of this State shall, for each motor vehicle owned, except as herein otherwise expressly provided, cause to be filed by mail, or otherwise, in the office of the registrar of motor vehicles a verified application for registration on a blank to be furnished by the registrar of motor vehicles for that purpose and containing the information therein called for. Each application must

be accompanied by the registration fee hereinafter named, registration must be renewed and fees paid annually, and application for re-registration must be filed with the registrar of motor vehicles not later than January 1st of each year.

2. Every dealer in motor vehicles shall cause to be filed by mail or otherwise, in the office of the registrar of motor vehicles a verified application for registration as a dealer on a blank to be furnished by the registrar of motor vehicles for that purpose, and containing the information therein called for. Each application must be accompanied by the registration fee hereinafter named. Dealers registration must be renewed and paid for annually, and application for re-registration must be filed not later than January 1st of each year. Upon the registration of a dealer the registrar of motor vehicles shall assign to such dealer a distinctive serial registration number as a dealer, and furnish such dealer with six (6) sets of number plates, which number plates shall be similar to number plates furnished by the registrar to owners of motor vehicles but shall bear thereon in addition to the serial number assigned such dealer the word "Dealer" or the letter "D." Nothing contained in this paragraph shall be construed to authorize a dealer to operate or use a motor vehicle for other than demonstration purposes unless registered in accordance with the first paragraph of this section.

3. **Must Have Number Plates.**—No person shall operate or drive a motor vehicle upon the public highways of this State unless such vehicle shall have been properly registered and shall have the proper number plates conspicuously displayed one on the front and one on the rear of such vehicle, each securely fastened so as to prevent the

same from swinging. No person shall display on such vehicle at the same time any number assigned to it under any motor vehicle law, except as in this Act otherwise provided.

4. **Transfer of Vehicle Sold.**—Upon the sale of a motor vehicle registered in accordance with this section by other than a dealer, the vendee shall within ten days after the date of such sale notify the registrar of motor vehicles of the same, stating the name and business address of the previous owner, if known, the number under which such motor vehicle is registered, and the name, residence and business address of such vendee. Upon filing such statement accompanied by a filing fee of one ($1.00) Dollar with the registrar of motor vehicles, the latter shall note upon the registration record such change of ownership.

5. **Replacing Number Plates or Certificates.**—In the event of loss, mutilation or destruction of a certificate of registration or number plate, the owner of the registered motor vehicle may again register with the registrar of motor vehicles and receive a new number upon filing in the office of the registrar of motor vehicles a sworn declaration showing the fact and payment of fee of One Dollar for such registration. The original registration shall thereupon be cancelled.

6. **Exemption of Non-Resident Owners.**—The provisions of the foregoing sections relative to registration and display of registration number shall not apply to a motor vehicle owned by a non-resident of this State temporarily sojourning in this State if such motor vehicle be registered in the State in which the owner thereof resides and there be displayed thereon the proper number plate of such State.

7. Dealers and motor vehicles may be registered and re-registered and licenses and certificates issued at any time during the year, but all registrations, licenses and certificates shall cease to be effective after December 31st of the year in which the same are issued.

Section 1760. Registration Fees. 1. Registration fee shall be paid to the registrar of motor vehicles upon registration or re-registration of dealers and motor vehicles in accordance with this Act, as follows:

Dealers in motor vehicles other than motor-cycles, seventy-five dollars.

Dealers in motor-cycles, twenty-two dollars and fifty cents.

Dealers in automobile accessories where volume exceeds $200.00 per year, ten dollars.

Motor vehicles, other than motor trucks, having a rated engine capacity not exceeding twenty-three horse power (according to S. A. E. formula), seven dollars and fifty cents.

Motor vehicles, other than motor trucks, having a rated engine capacity exceeding twenty-three horse power, and not more than thirty-seven horse power (according to S. A. E. formula) fifteen dollars.

Motor vehicles, other than motor trucks, having a rated engine capacity exceeding thirty-seven horse power (according to S. A. E. formula), twenty-two dollars and fifty cents.

Electrically driven passenger vehicles, fifteen dollars.

Trucks not over one ton capacity, ten dollars.

Trucks over one and not over two tons capacity, twenty-two dollars and fifty cents.

Trucks over two and not over three tons capacity, thirty-seven dollars and fifty cents.

Trucks over three and not over five tons capacity, sixty dollars.

Trucks over five tons capacity, two hundred dollars.

Bicycle with motor attachment, one dollar and fifty cents.

The registrar of motor vehicles shall first deduct from all fees paid under the provisions of this Act the actual cost of making and mailing all licenses, certificates, license plates and identification marks, and shall transmit the remainder of the fees so paid to the county from which the registration fee came, for deposit to the credit of the general road fund of said county.

2. If any dealer or motor vehicle is originally registered after July thirty-first in any year, the registration fee for the balance of such year shall be one-half of the regular fee above given.

3. A dealer who shall maintain more than one place of business or who shall maintain any branch establishment or establishments must register and pay a registration fee for each such place of business or establishment.

4. A registered dealer who may sell and dispose of his entire business to any other person may have his certificate of registration transferred to such purchaser, upon filing with the registrar of motor vehicles a statement containing the name of the registered dealer, the number under which such dealer is registered, the name of the purchaser, and the location of the place of business, so sold. Upon the filing of such statement, accompanied by a filing fee of one dollar, the registrar of motor vehicles shall note upon the registration record such change of ownership. But no certificate of registration can be so transferred unless the entire business of the dealer hold-

ing such certificate of registration be sold and disposed of, and no such certificate of registration can be transferred to any person other than the purchaser of such business.

5. The provisions of this Act with respect to payment of registration fees shall not apply or be binding upon motor vehicles owned or controlled by the United States of America, or by any state, city or county; but in all other respects the provisions of this Act shall be applicable and binding upon cars so owned.

Section 2. The provisions of this Act with respect to the transmitting of registration fees to the county from which the registration fee came, shall apply to all such registration fees undivided and in the custody of the registrar of motor vehicles at the time of the passage and approval of this Act.

Section 1761—Chauffeur's License. Provisions Concerning.—1. Application for licenses to operate motor vehicles as a chauffeur, may be made by mail, or otherwise, to the registrar of motor vehicles or his duly authorized agents, upon blanks prepared under his authority. Such application shall be verified and shall be accompanied by a fee of Two Dollars. Such application shall state the age of the applicant and whether or not such applicant has ever been convicted of a felony, and no license shall be issued to any person who has ever been convicted of a felony. To each person to whom a license is granted the registrar of motor vehicles shall furnish without cost other than the license fee herein prescribed, a license certificate in the form prescribed in Section 1756 hereof, and a suitable metal badge bearing the distinguishing number or mark assigned to him. This badge shall thereafter be worn by the

chauffeur affixed to his clothing in a conspicuous place at all times while he is operating or driving a motor vehicle upon public highways. Such badge shall be valid only during the term of the license of the chauffeur to whom it was issued, as aforesaid. Every person licensed to operate vehicles as chauffeur under this article shall endorse his usual signature on the margin of the license issued to him immediately upon the receipt of said license, and such license shall not be valid until so endorsed. All licenses issued hereunder shall expire January first of each year, and shall be renewed annually. The registrar of motor vehicles may refuse to issue or renew a license if he deem the applicant not qualified to receive such a license, but the action of the registrar of motor vehicles may be reviewed by the Courts under writ of certiorari or other appropriate remedy.

2. No person shall operate or drive a motor vehicle as a chauffeur upon a public highway of this State, unless such person shall have complied in all respects with the requirements of this section; provided, however, that a non-resident who has registered and is licensed under the provisions of the law of the foreign country, state, territory or federal district of his residence shall be exempt from license under this section: on condition that he shall wear the badge assigned to him in the foreign country, state, territory, or federal district of his residence, in the manner provided in this section. The provisions of this section, however, shall be operative as to a chauffeur who is a non-resident of this State, only to the extent that under the laws of the foreign country, state, territory or federal district of his residence like exemptions and privileges are granted to persons duly li-

censed and registered as chauffeurs under the laws of this State and who are residents of this State.

3. No chauffeur having been licensed as herein provided shall voluntarily permit any other person to possess or use his license or badge; nor shall any person operating or driving a motor vehicle use or possess any license or badge belonging to another person, or a fictitious license or badge.

4. No chauffeur or other person having the care of a motor vehicle for the owner shall receive or take directly or indirectly any bonus, discount or other consideration for the purchase of supplies or parts of such motor vehicle or for work done thereon by others; and no person furnishing such supplies or parts, work or labor, shall give or offer any such chauffeur or other person having the care of a motor vehicle for the owner thereof, either directly or indirectly, any bonus, discount or other consideration.

5. Upon the conviction of any chauffeur of a violation of any provision of this article, it shall be the duty of the Court or Judge or other judicial officer before whom such chauffeur is convicted to endorse such conviction on such license card with the date of the conviction and the character of the offense in the space provided for such endorsement.

6. In the event of the loss, mutilation or destruction of a chauffeur's license card or of chauffeur's badge, such chauffeur may again register with the registrar of motor vehicles and receive a new license card or chauffeur's badge upon filing in the office of the registrar of motor vehicles an affidavit showing the fact and the payment of a fee of One Dollar. The original registration shall thereupon be cancelled.

Section 1762. Penalties for Violation of This Act. Reporting Conviction. Duty of Officers.—1. The violation of any of the provisions of this Act shall constitute a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine of not exceeding One Hundred Dollars. The third or subsequent conviction for violation of the provisions of this Act by a licensed and registered chauffeur, may be punishable by the suspension of the right to operate a motor vehicle as a registered and licensed chauffeur under the provisions of this Act, for a period of not more than six months; and the registrar of motor vehicles upon the recommendation of the trial Court, shall forthwith revoke the license of the person convicted, and no new license shall be issued to such person for at least six months after the date of such conviction, nor thereafter, except in the discretion of the registrar of motor vehicles. Nothing herein contained shall prevent the indictment of a person so violating for an offense committed under any other law.

2. **Reporting Conviction to Register of Motor Vehicles.**—Upon the conviction of any person for a violation of any of the provisions of this Act, the magistrate or other judicial officer before whom the proceedings are held, shall immediately certify the fact of the case, including the name and address of the offender, the character of the punishment and the amount of any fine imposed and paid, to the registrar of motor vehicles who shall enter the same either in the book or index of licensed chauffeurs as the case may be, opposite the name of the person convicted and in the case of any other person in a book or index of offenders to be kept for such purposes, in alphabetical order. If any such conviction shall be so reversed upon appeal therefrom, the person whose convic-

tion has been so reversed may serve on the registrar of motor vehicles a certified copy of the order of reversal, whereupon the registrar of motor vehicles shall enter the same in the proper book or index in connection with the record of such conviction.

3. It is hereby made mandatory upon all peace and police officers of the State, of the counties of the State and of towns, cities and villages, to carry out the provisions of this Act and arrest the drivers or owners of any motor vehicle being used or driven in violation of any of the provisions of this Act.

Section 1763. Definitions.—As used in this act the term "motor vehicle" shall include all vehicles propelled by any power other than muscular power, except road rollers, traction engines and railroad cars and motor cars running upon stationary rails or tracks. The term "motor cycle" shall mean a motor vehicle having but two wheels in contact with the ground and a saddle on which the operator sits astride, or a platform on which he stands, and bicycles having a motor attached thereto and a driving wheel in contact with the ground in addition to the wheels of the vehicle itself, but a motor cycle may carry one or more attachments and a seat for the conveyance of a passenger. The term "motor truck" shall include all motor vehicles used for commercial purposes in carrying freight and merchandise. The term "owner" shall include any person, firm, association or corporation, owning or renting a motor vehicle or having the exclusive use thereof, under a lease or otherwise, for a period greater than thirty days. The term "dealer" shall include every person who is engaged in the business of buying, selling, or exchanging motor vehicles in this state, whether at an established place of business or otherwise, but shall not in-

clude agents or salesmen of manufacturers or distributors selling motor vehicles to or establishing selling or distributing agencies therefor, with dealers registered in this State, or salesmen, mechanics or demonstrators regularly employed by registered dealers in this state. The term "chauffeur" shall mean any person operating a motor vehicle, other than his own, as a mechanic, employee, or for hire, but shall not apply to any employee of a registered dealer demonstrating or testing motor vehicles under such dealer's license, nor to any employee whose ordinary employment does not include the driving of any motor vehicle, even though such employee should be temporarily engaged in driving a motor vehicle. The word "operator" shall mean any person who operates or drives a motor vehicle. The term "state" shall also include the territories and federal districts of the United States. The term "local authorities" shall include all officers of counties, townships, cities, towns, and villages as well as all boards, committees and other public officials of such counties, townships, cities, towns and villages. The term "public highway" shall include any highway, county road, state road, public street, avenue, alley, park, parkway, or public place in any county, city, town or village, except any speedway which may have been or may be expressly set apart by law for the exclusive use of horses and light carriages.